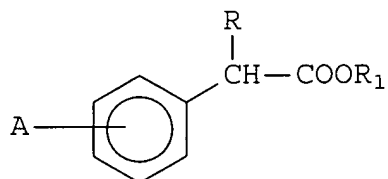


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for the preparation of meta or para-substituted  $\alpha$ -arylalkanoic acids of formula (I)



(I)

wherein R and R<sub>1</sub> are as defined in the disclosure.